

Amusements

POLI'S

Thrills and laughs abound in the unusual and startlingly realistic novelty that is offered by the Boganny Troupe, as one of the features in a very pleasing program at Poli's. Ten in number, these artists are veritable whirlwinds, their many stunts being fairly breath-taking in their daring, and throughout the offering there is a pleasing vein of humor.

The second edition of the German War Pictures are attracting wide-spread attention. These films were taken at Verdun and are absolutely authentic, and offer a good insight into one portion of the world's conflict now in progress. Another interesting feature of the photoplay program is the five-part film drama "War's Women," in which Frank Keenan, the eminent stage star, has a leading role. This gripping photo-drama is ably presented by an adequate cast.

Jack Allman, always a favorite here, is winning new laurels with his pleasing singing program, while the Darktown Four are offering a highly diverting entertainment with their songs and comedy.

The Burke Sisters, in a nifty vaudeville oddity, and H. C. Ferrier, presenting a juggling novelty, complete the excellent program.

PARK

This week Cecil Spooner and her company are giving the first performance of a sensational surprise comedy drama, "Positive Patsie," and it is proving positive and most refreshing success from every viewpoint. The play, which is divided into four big acts, is full of dash and action all the way through, and while unusually strong in dramatic writing, fairly bubbles over with original, clean-cut comedy. It is full of snap shots of Metropolitan life and character, and possesses a most vital story, which is unfolded in a graphically correct manner. "Positive Patsie" is a splendid part for Miss Spooner, one that is exactly in her line. It is a new kind of girl in a new style of play which pictures the lights and shades of everyday life in New York city, particularly in the tenement and "slum" section of the lower East Side, where the first act transpires. The part of "Patsie" is that of the typical high spirited, buoyant waif of the streets. Fell Trenton gives a magnificent performance of "John March," a young architect. In fact, it would be a difficult matter to find an artist capable of improving on Mr. Trenton's splendid work. That magnetic child artist, Little Marion Mason, again registered a most sympathetic hit as "Laddie" ("Patsie's" brother), a cripple boy. Jane Komay gives a sparkling portrayal of "Barbara Telfair," a society girl, and Frederick Clayton as "Reginald Curry," is a typical man about town, and plays the part to perfection. Rita Wilers may always be relied on to give performance both finished and faultless, and as "Mrs. Jotham" makes a distinct hit. Helen Tilden another big favorite, gives a remarkable rendition of "Tana Jeannette," a drug fiend, while James Kennedy as "Mr. Hawkins," a settlement worker, is admirable in a rather difficult part. Clyde Armstrong, who directed the staging of the production, is splendid as "Jonathan Telfair," in fact the entire cast is a most perfect one in every sense of the term. "Positive Patsie" is an unquestionable success, judging from the reception given to the show for this week. For next week, an elaborate revival of that idyllic Southland romance, "St. Elmo," is announced.

PLAZA

If you enjoy good music and appreciate beauty in stage scenic invention, you should see the Bonnie Sextette in their gorgeous musical extravaganza at the Plaza today for today is the last day they will be there and it is really too good an act to miss. The six girls in the act are all prettily costumed and the wardrobe is a large and varied one. Brass instruments, violins, bagpipes and drums are used with pleasing effect and the repertoire offered is tastefully arranged.

Jones and Johnson, the colored comedians whose screamingly funny line of talk and clever soft shoe dancing has made them raving favorites wherever they have appeared are on the bill in an important spot and creating more real hilarity than any act to play the Plaza in months.

Wells and Lee, a clever team in a singing and comedy talking act that is happily presented, and Frank Corman in a hoop rolling and baton juggling novelty, are pleasing.

William H. Thompson, recognized as the dean of the dramatic stage, has the star role in the latest Triangle production, "The Eye of the Night," which is being presented in five parts. The story is one of pathetic appeal, dealing with the life of a young girl who has been betrayed by a young scamp and later shunned by the narrow-minded bigots in the town in which she lives. It is a wonderfully produced picture and a credit to the Triangle name.

Douglas Fairbanks and Bessie Love are co-starred in "The Mystery of the Leaping Fish," a two-part Keystone comedy.

EXPECT TO END STRIKES

Pittsburgh, July 18.—Settlement of the strike of 6,000 bituminous coal miners in the Allegheny and Kiskimihut valleys, is expected today when representatives of the United Mine Workers of America confer with members of the Pittsburgh Coal Operators' Association. Other scattering strikes, but of smaller proportions in District No. 5, are expected to be ended as soon as John L. Lewis, chairman of the International board committee, returns to Pittsburgh within a day or two.

POSTMASTERS HEAR BURLESON.

Washington, July 19.—Postmaster General Burleson was the principal speaker today before the convention here of the National Association of Postmasters. Afterwards, there was a discussion as to the advantage to the government in owning automobiles used in transporting mails and in parcel post delivery, particularly in cities.

FUNERAL BOUQUETS AND DESIGNS.

JOHN RECK & SON.

Marriage By Mail;
United Soldier and
New Jersey GirlTHE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM IN
UNIQUE CEREMONY.

Private Louis Bansemer, Company H, First regiment, New Jersey national guard, appeared before Notary Edward C. Bradford at headquarters, Douglas, Ariz., and signed a marriage contract with Miss Ethel Maud Sergeant of 50 Peck avenue, Newark. The papers were sent to Newark. First Sergeant J. C. Clark of Company H acted as witness. The company gave Bansemer a wedding breakfast of salt pork at 5 o'clock in the morning. Then the bridegroom went digging trenches. When the New Jersey troops were sent from Sea Girl to the border Miss Sergeant and Private Bansemer tried to be married by proxy, but when they were informed such a ceremony would have nothing more than a sentimental value and would not be binding legally they made arrangements to be married by mail. On July 6 Miss Sergeant appeared before a notary public in Newark, N. J., and signed a marriage contract. This was sent at once by registered mail to Bansemer at Douglas. Both her lawyer and Marriage Clerk Cussey at the Newark city hall declared such a procedure was perfectly legal and binding.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION O. K.'S
PLANS FOR SPUR TRACK

The Public Utilities Commission has granted the petition of the Standard Mfg. Co. for a spur track from Housatonic avenue tracks of the New York and New Haven railroad to the factory of the company in Frederick street. There was no opposition. The commission also heard the petition of the Connecticut Co. for a cross-over on Main street near East Broadway, Stratford. State Highway Commissioner Charles J. Bennett said that he had approved the location originally asked for, but, since agreeing to the petition, residents of Stratford had appealed to him to have the location transferred about 200 feet south of that designated by the plan. This proposition was agreeable to all parties, and an order for approval will issue.

Approval has been given to the proposed method of reconstructing a double track electric railway line on Cherry street from River street to Gulf street in Milford.

HIBERNIANS HOLDING
NATIONAL MEETINGS

Boston, July 19.—The Ancient Order of Hibernians took up at the first session of the 56th biennial convention today a number of questions of pecuniary interest to the organization. All sessions, however, are executive. Joseph McLaughlin, of Philadelphia, the national president, submitted a report in which he reviewed the work of the last two years and outlined plans for future development. The Ladies' Auxiliary met today with Mrs. Ellen Ryan Jolly, of Pawtucket, R. I., presiding. Aside from the consideration of resolutions of interest was in a contest for the presidency between Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Mary F. McWhorter of Chicago.

The former has been president for two terms, which is the limit under the rules of the auxiliary, although her friends have endeavored to amend this provision so that she may be eligible for another term.

There is no contest over the election of officers of the Hibernians and it generally was understood that President McLaughlin and his associates were to be selected by unanimous vote, following a custom of long standing.

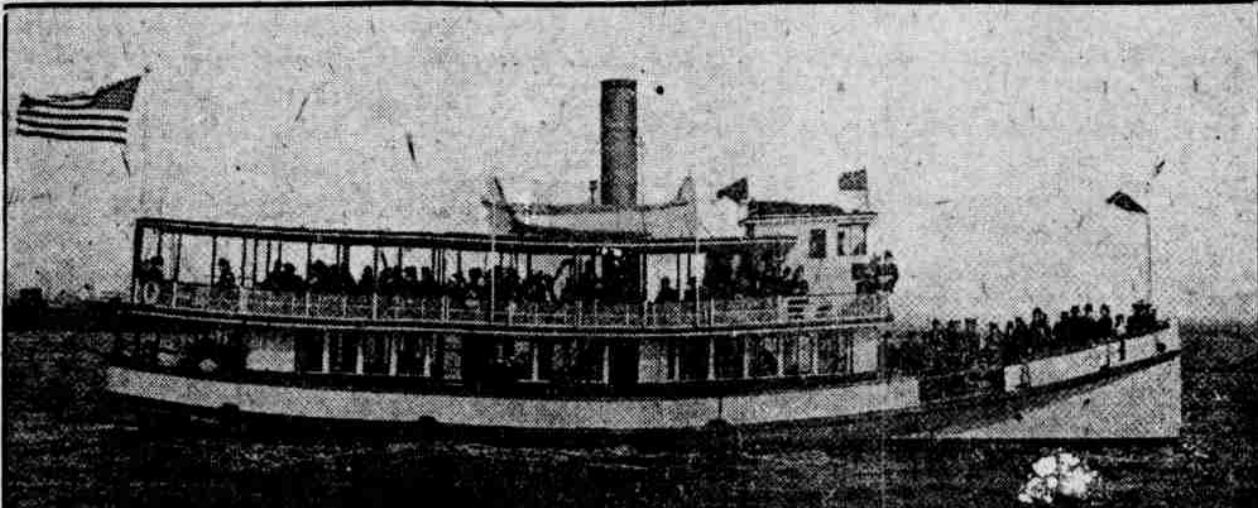
An excursion to Nahant and a banquet tonight were part of the day's program.

CANADA WON'T SEND
NICKEL BY U-BOAT

New York, July 19.—Officials of the International Nickel Co., which virtually controls the nickel output of Canada in this country, are authorities for the statement that no Canadian nickel will go to Germany in the submarine Deutschland. An official of the company asserted that this corporation had an agreement with the Canadian government under which it may not supply nickel to any country with which Great Britain is at war. Other concerns in New York dealing in nickel say they have no knowledge of the source of supply of the metal now stored for the submarine.

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Our Query and Reply Department

Was it ever proposed to name one of the United States after Benjamin Franklin?

That name was actually used for a few years. In 1783 the settlers of what is now east Tennessee adopted a constitution and organized a state called Franklin. John Sevier, a prominent man of the period, was chosen governor, and a legislature was elected, which met at Jonesboro in 1783. But North Carolina claimed ownership and jurisdiction over that region, and trouble arose which caused the Franklin state movement to be abandoned in 1788. The next year North Carolina ceded the region to the United States, and the territory of Tennessee was organized.

Is it correct to say that there are no national holidays in this country?

There are no legal national holidays in the United States, not even the Fourth of July, because the right to declare its own holidays rests with each state. The power of congress to establish a holiday is limited to the District of Columbia and the territories. The proclamation of the president designating Thanksgiving day affects only the District of Columbia and the territories and other lands under federal control. The governor of each state issues a Thanksgiving proclamation for his own state. Congress has recognized certain days as holidays for commercial purposes, and by common consent Washington's birthday, Fourth of July, Labor day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are observed in about all the states, although in some they are not legal holidays.

How did the saying originate about the danger of swapping horses in the middle of a stream?

The origin of the proverb is not known, but it was Abraham Lincoln who made it famous. When congratulated by a visiting delegation upon his nomination for a second term on June 9, 1864, Mr. Lincoln said, "I have not permitted myself, gentlemen, to conclude that I am the best man in this country, but I am reminded in this connection of the story of an old Dutch farmer, who remarked to a companion that it was not best to swap horses when crossing a stream."

Being a Spanish war veteran, how must I go to work to secure a pension?

A survivor of the war with Spain is entitled to a pension on account of any existing disability in a pensionable degree which was incurred in the line of duty in the military or naval branch of the United States. The employment of an attorney is optional with an applicant, who may write to the commissioner of pensions, Washington, stating his claim, the organization in which he served and length of service. He will then be furnished with the proper blanks and fully advised as to the evidence necessary to complete his claim.

Is there a Confederate organization in the south corresponding to that of the G. A. R.? If so, please give the address of its headquarters.

There is an organization of United Confederate Veterans, one of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States

and one of Sons of Confederate Veterans. The headquarters of the first named is in New Orleans.

Please publish the war prices, or the highest price on wheat and corn during the Crimean, Franco-Prussian, and civil wars.

The high price for wheat in Chicago during the Franco-Prussian war was \$1.32 in 1871. It sold the year after the war as high as \$1.61. The top quotation during the civil war was \$2.23 in 1864. During the Crimean war the average price in England in 1855 was equal to \$2.23 a bushel.

I wish to join the American Red Cross ambulance corps. I am an American and have studied two years in a medical college, but I insist on serving in Germany, etc. Will you advise me how I can accomplish my desire?

Write to the American Red Cross, Washington, for the information you desire.

Where and when was the battle of Dorking fought?

The battle referred to was an imaginary one. "The Battle of Dorking" was the title of a clever piece of fiction written many years ago for the purpose of alarming the people of England by showing how easily a German army could overrun and capture the island. The author of the story was Sir George Chesney, an officer of high rank in the British army, who served with distinction in India and was afterward promoted to lieutenant general. The story was written just after the Franco-Prussian war and was published anonymously in Blackwood's Magazine in 1871. Its complete title was "The Battle of Dorking; or, Reminiscences of a Volunteer," and the author's knowledge of military affairs and strategy enabled him to give a very realistic account of the operations of an invading army. The story had a great run and helped to bring about an improvement in England's means of national defense.

What poem has a line "They fired the shot heard round the world?"

It occurs in a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson, sometimes called "Concord Hymn," because it was sung at the completion of the Concord monument April 19, 1836, eighty years ago. It has only four stanzas, the first being:

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world.

"The rude bridge that arched the flood" where the fight occurred was a wooden bridge across Concord river, which the historian Bancroft describes as "flowing languidly in a winding channel near the base of the hill." The battle occurred early in the day on April 19, 1775, the minutemen having been roused during the night by alarm guns and drum beating. Bancroft speaks of the alarm guns during the night as "a reveille to humanity," and Emerson describes the opening gun of the battle as a "shot heard round the world."

WORRY.

Worry is the real cause of death in thousands of instances where some other disease is named in the final certificate.

The Origin of Pyrography.
About a century ago an artist named Cranch was standing one day in front of a fire in his home at Axminster. Over the fireplace was an oaken mantelpiece, and it occurred to Cranch that this expanse of wood might be improved by a little ornamentation. He picked up the poker, heated it red hot and began to sketch a bold design. The result pleased him so much that he elaborated his work and began to attempt other fire pictures on panels of wood. These met with a ready sale, and Cranch soon gave all his time to his new art. This was the beginning of what is now known as pyrography.—Exchange.

Very Brief.
A record of brevity in a holiday correspondence was established by a Frenchman in the eighteenth century. Voltaire and Piron, the epigrammatist, exchanged challenges to write the shortest possible letter. So when Voltaire was starting on a journey he wrote to Piron, "Eo rus," which is the complete Latin for "I am going to the country." Piron's answer was just "I"—complete Latin for "go."

Tea in the Time of Buddha.
At the time of Buddha China was enjoying a large foreign commerce in tea. It was carried by her junk to Japan, Korea, Tonquin, Annam, Cochinchina, Burma, Siam, India, Ceylon, Persia and Arabia. According to one record, it was sent to a great black river country west of Arabia, from which it was separated by a long and very torrid sea, which must have been Egypt. It was carried by caravans to Manchuria, Mongolia, Kuldja, Tartary, Tibet, Persia and northern India.

Strange Storehouses.
In the old birds' nest that are placed near the ground in shrubs and small trees close to hazelnut bushes and bittersweet vines one will often find a handful of hazelnuts or bittersweet berries. They were put there by the white footed mice and the meadow mice, which visit these storehouses regularly. Very often a white footed mouse will cover a bird's nest with fine dried grass and inner bark and make a nest for itself.—New York Tribune.

Beginning at the Foundation.
The progressive people of the parish were anxious to reconstruct and adorn the ancient church, and the senior warden wrote to the bishop about it. "There are but two things to be done in St. Gregory's," wrote the bishop in reply. "Let the sexton keep it clean and the parson keep it full."—Youth's Companion.

What Happened.
"What happened to the nest egg Smithers set aside when he married?"
"It hatched into allmiquy."—Judge.

The Hopeless State.
Knicker—Poverty isn't a crime. Bocker—More's the pity; it doubtless would get a pardon.—New York Sun.

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